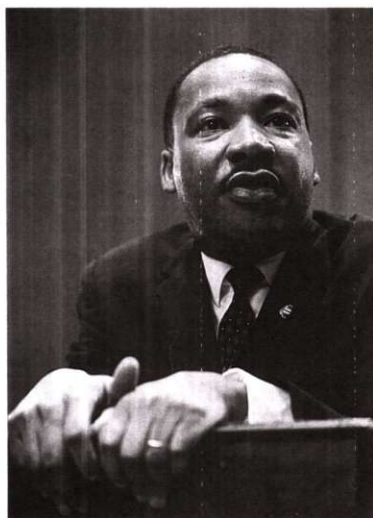




MCC

METROPOLITAN
COMMUNITY CHURCH
OF THE LEHIGH VALLEY

Sunday, January 19, 2014 2nd Epiphany



930 North 4th Street ♦ Allentown, PA 18102
610-709-8800 ♦ info@mcclv.org ♦ www.mcclv.org

**The Mission of MCCLV is to call all people to a holy life in
Christ, changing lives and transforming the world**

MCC LEHIGH VALLEY ORDER OF SERVICE

As you prepare for worship, take a few moments to reflect on the current state of your relationship with God. Is the communication channel completely open and free of any cross-traffic that might interfere with your ability to hear from God? What do you need to let go of, so that you may let God take control? Close your eyes, take a deep breath and let worship begin for you...

Opening Song

Call to Worship

Invitation to Ministry

A Time of Praise (3 Songs)

Prayer Preparation Song

Prayer

Scripture Reading

Children's Blessing

Message

Song of Response

Offering

Offering Song

Communion

Communion Song

Prayer Over Gifts

Closing Song

Commission & Blessing

NOTES FROM THE MCCLV

office

MCCLV Welcomes new Administrative Assistant! Paula Merkel

Office Hours:

Monday 8am-2pm
Tues-Thurs 8am—1pm
Fri 8am—12 noon

FYI

The office will be closed
Monday Jan 20, due to
Martin Luther King Day

Sunday Bulletin & Announcements

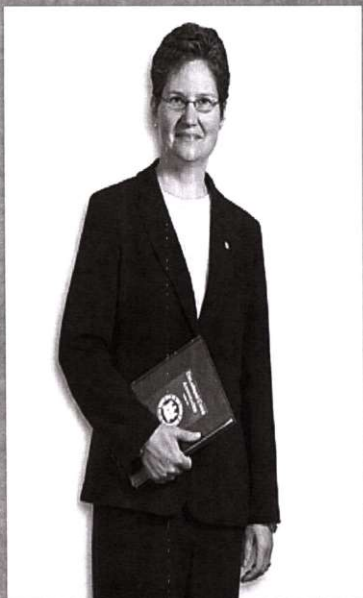
The deadline for all bulletin notices & announcements is
Wednesday at noon – email to office@mcclv.org

Space Reservation: Any individual or group wishing to schedule a meeting or event at the church **is required to fill out a space reservation form** in order to get put on the calendar. Write to office@mcclv.org more information.

Audio-Visual Support: Anyone planning an event at MCCLV **is required to see Music & Worship Director Brian Jones** in advance to arrange any needed AV support. The church may not be able to honor last minute requests.



Soloist Auditions for Worship Services will take place on Sunday, February 16, 2014 from 1:00-2:30PM. Instrumentalists and vocalists welcome. See Brian Jones or e-mail him at brian.jones@mcclv.org for more information.



February 6, 2014

7pm

Miller Forum, Moyer Hall
Muhlenberg College
2400 W Chew Street,
Allentown, PA 18104

MOMENTUM FOR MARRIAGE EQUALITY

A talk by Lisa Goodman, Esq.
President of Equality Delaware

An accomplished attorney, Lisa Goodman led the effort to pass three statewide LGBT equality laws in Delaware: Civil Unions (2011), Marriage Equality (2013) and a Gender Identity non-discrimination law (2013). Ms. Goodman received her J.D. at Widener University School of Law and is a nationally recognized leader in the marriage equality movement.

Sponsored by:

Muhlenberg College Office of the LGBT Coordinator
Muhlenberg College Meeting Points Series
Equality Pennsylvania
Pennsylvania Diversity Network
Metropolitan Community Church of the Greater Lehigh Valley

A QUOTE FOR YOUR WEEK

May all things move and be moved in me
and know and be known to me

May all creation
dance for joy with me.

(Chinook Psalter)

Does Music Inspire You to
Move?

Do You Use Music to Ex-
press Yourself,
to Pray, to Worship?
If You're Interested in
Exploring Music and
Movement

See Carolyn Gaffney or
email cargaff@gmail.com



CHILI COOK-OFF

There will be a Chili Cook-Off competition immediately following the worship service Sunday, **January 26**. Bring family members and friends — *and* bring a bag of food for MCCLV's Food Pantry. Prize ribbons will be awarded as a token of appreciation. If interested in becoming a contestant, contact Outreach and Justice Leader Cynthia Rodriguez at cynthia.rodriguez@mcclv.org

Wednesday

--- MAKE WEDNESDAY YOUR WORD DAY! ---

Wednesdays at 7:00 PM, Adult Bible Study gathers for an hour at MCCLV. In this once-a-week Bible Study, participants read through a portion of the Bible each week. There is no homework or additional reading. The classes are facilitated by Rev. Goudy - beginning, intermediate and advanced Bible students are all welcome. The schedule is below:

January 22: Now What? (Acts 12-14)

January 29: Now What? (Acts 15 & 16)

February 5: Now What? (Acts 17-19)

February 12: Now What? (Acts 20-22)

February 19: Now What? (Acts 23-25)

February 26: Now What? (Acts 26-28)

March 5: MCCLV's Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesdays during the Lenten Season will be a dinner and video series. The Wednesday Night Adult Bible Study will return in May with a study on Romans titled: *"Why Do Evangelicals Love Romans So Much They Want to Marry It?"*



MCCLV IS ON YOUTUBE!

To view and subscribe to our channel go to **www.youtube.com** and search **MCC LV**.

DIAMONZ

bar & grill

After party at Diamonz nightclub, 9 pm—2am for all who attend the Interfaith Freedom to Marry service and reception on February 8, 2014 . Free admission and free first drink that night with church bulletin. Any questions please contact Cindy Rodriguez at cynthia.rodriguez@mcclv.org



FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED FOR FELLOWSHIP HOUR!

The next time you are at the grocery store, consider picking up extra cookies, crackers, carrot or celery sticks, popcorn, pretzels, lemonade, iced tea or other drinks. All donations are much

HIV Positive Support Group Forming

A new HIV support group at MCCLV will be starting **TODAY** Sunday, January 12th at 12:30pm (continuing the 2nd Sunday of each month). The focus will be on living a positive life with HIV. Thus, the group will be called HIV/Positive Living. This will be a chance to share and have candid discussions. This group will be limited to those with HIV, but there will be occasional guest speakers. The group will also have scheduled meetings for partners to attend, and a possibility of open meetings in the future for those interested in learning how to support and help those coping with this disease. If you are interested, please contact **Dean Hiatt** at robdean@ptd.net



Children's Book Fund Raising Drive

MCCLV will be collecting **NEW** books for sick children from the beginning of January until the end of February. Books needed for all ages of children and teens. They must be unwrapped, non-violent and non-religious. Books will go to the "Sick Kids Can Read" program at Lehigh Valley Hospital. They can be placed in the painted box in Fellowship Hall. Please contact Cindy Rodriguez if you are interesting in donating at Cynthia.rodriquez@mcclv.org



Interested in becoming a member of the church? Consider participating in the WELD process, a four-part membership course at MCCLV. Classes meet on **March 4, 11, 18 and 25th at 7:00 PM** here at the church. The purpose of WELD is to "weld" participants closer to God and to their brothers and sisters in Christ. Classes also include a basic introduction to discipleship and the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches. There will be an informational session on **Sunday, March 2nd** following worship to hear more about the process.



**WELD
AT
MCCLV!**



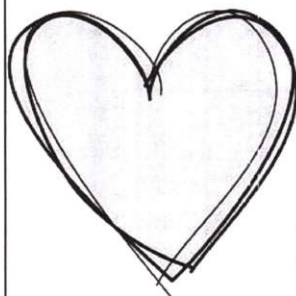
See
Emma Marrero
for more
information!

Steve Libby is the is the chairperson for the 10th Annual Academy Awards Bash to benefit Pride of the Greater Lehigh Valley on Sunday, March 2nd at the Allentown Brew-Works. Over the years the Bash has raised tens of thousands of dollars to help promote awareness and greater acceptance of the GLBT community. One of the most anticipated parts of the evening is the Silent Auction table. If you are able donate an item, gift certificate or service to the Silent Auction, **contact Steve at STL327@hotmail.com.** Last year donations included items and gift cards from merchants and restaurants, weekends to hotels and resorts, autographed items from film, TV and music notables as well as authors, artists and photographers.



Spiritual Valentine's Day Cards at MCCLV

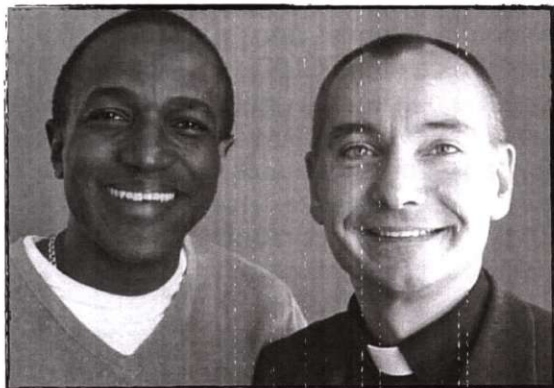
The MCCLV Sunday School children and Messengers Art Group are working together to make spiritual Valentine's Day cards to sell to the congregation and public for \$2 each. Consider giving your loved ones spiritual Valentine's Day cards in 2014. The cards will be made on Sunday, January 19th at 12:30-3:00PM. If interested in participating, contact Cynthia Rodriguez at cynthia.rodriguez@mcclv.org



Interfaith Freedom to Marry Worship Service

Featuring keynote speakers:

Rev. Tom Decker, Open Arms MCC, Rochester, NY
Maurice Tomlinson, Jamaican LGBT Legal Advocate



February 8, 2014 at 7:00pm
wedding reception to follow

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Pennsylvania Diversity Network
Equality Pennsylvania



HELP ASHLEY OUT!

Ashley Richard is the coordinator of MCCLV's 2014 Freedom to Marry Interfaith Worship Service Reception. Let Ashley know you are able to help by talking with him after the worship service or e-mail him at limexperience@gmail.com. He is looking for all sorts of food donations and assistance on **Saturday, February 8.**

Bringing Christian Traditions Into Dialogue
HERE AT MCCLV IN 2014!

The
Convergence
Project

Meets every Sunday morning at MCCLV through April 13 at 9:00 AM, facilitated by Robert Schotter, robdean@ptd.net

- January 19** Gender Panic! Gender and Biblical Texts Part I
January 26 Gender Panic! Gender and Biblical Texts Part II
February 2 A Man's World? Patriarchy and Biblical Texts Part I
February 9 A Man's World? Patriarchy and Biblical Texts Part II
February 16 How Not To Be A Control Freak: Honor & Shame in the Biblical Texts
February 23 Banned from Sunday School: Sexualities in Scripture
March 2 Inhospitable Texts: Same Sex Practices in Hebrew Scripture Part I
March 9 Inhospitable Texts: Same Sex Practices in Hebrew Scripture Part II
March 16 Jesus, Paul, Luke & Eunuchs: Same Sex Practices in Christian Scripture, Part I
March 23 Jesus, Paul, Luke & Eunuchs: Same Sex Practices in Christian Scripture, Part II
March 30 Power and the Alternative Family Values of Jesus
April 6 Reading Scripture from the Margins
April 13 Finding Ourselves and Our Communities in Scripture



**Ash Wednesday
Services will be
held March 5 at
MCCLV at
7:00pm**

FREE WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS
"PEOPLE OF FAITH" VIDEOS

Be a part of MCCLV's 2014 Wednesday Night Lenten Video Series and **FREE Dinners!** The series surveys the history of Christianity in the United States & the weekly 30-minute video brings up interesting questions for reflection and discussion.

March 12th, 7:00 PM "From Monarchs to the Marketplace"

- Ministry Coordinators providing meal

March 19th, 7:00 PM "Many Mansions"

- Board of Directors providing meal

March 26th, 7:00 PM "Rebels with a Cause"

- Retirees providing meal

April 2nd, 7:00 PM "Challenges and Change"

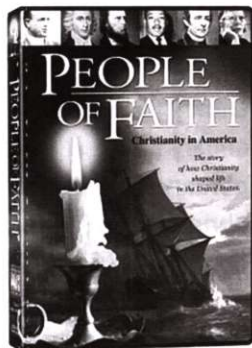
- Choir providing meal

April 9th, 7:00 PM "Home Grown Saints"

- 20s30s providing meal

April 16th, 7:00 PM "The Future of Christianity"

- Worship Team providing meal



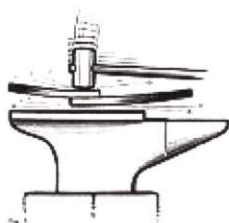
RSVP to office@mcclv.org or 610-709-8800. All ages are welcome.

2014 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service
Come Together as the Church & Worship the
Undivided Christ

January 19, 2014 at 4:00PM
Calvary Baptist Church
4601 Tilghman Street
Allentown, PA 18104

The Lehigh County Conference of Churches and Calvary Baptist Church cordially invites you to share 60 years of ministry in the Lehigh Valley. This year's "Week of Prayer for Christian Unity" service will bring together multimedia presentations, small and large group dialogue and song to celebrate Creation.

FORGE



a stronger relationship with Christ and one another - Join a FORGE group! Groups meet every other week for one hour for worship, prayer, devotionals, testimonies, and fellowship. Although groups are spread out geographically to make them easier to get to, you may attend whichever group you choose, even if it's not the one nearest you.

Contact group leaders to learn more!

FORGE Group East - Meeting in Perkasio.

Leaders: Loreli Bauer lorelibauer@aol.com
Elaine Ely pastor_elaine@yahoo.com



FORGE Group East - Meeting in Bethlehem

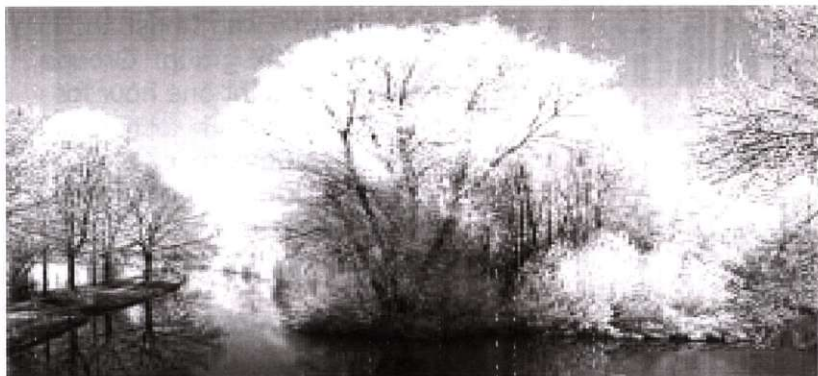
Leaders: Hope Hilby hopehilby@gmail.com
Barb Baus babaus@hotmail.com



FORGE Group West - Meeting in Allentown

Leaders: Scott George smgmccclv@gmail.com
Ron Smith ron.smith@mccclv.org





UPCOMING WORSHIP AT MCCLV

2nd Epiphany: January 19, 2014 at 10:30 AM

Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday

Scripture Reading: Amos 5:18-27

Preaching: Robert Schotter

3rd Epiphany: January 26, 2014 @10:30 AM

Scripture Reading: Genesis 4:1-16

Preaching: Rev. Elizabeth Goudy

Sermon Title: **"Scandalous Stories: Cain & Abel"**

4th Epiphany: February 2, 2014

Scripture Reading: Judges 16:1-21

Preaching: Rev. Elizabeth Goudy

Sermon Title: **"Scandalous Stories: Delilah"**

5th Epiphany: February 9, 2014

Scripture Readings: Genesis 12:10-20

Preaching: Rev. Elizabeth Goudy

Sermon Title: **"Scandalous Stories: Moses"**



CHANGE OF DATE!

Rev. Delores Berry will be ministering with MCCLV on Pentecost Sunday, June 8, 2014. Mark your calendars now!

Today's Scripture Readings:

Amos 5: 18-27

Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord!
Why do you want the day of the Lord?
It is darkness, not light;
as if someone fled from a lion,
and was met by a bear;
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,
and was bitten by a snake.
Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?

I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
Even though you offer me your burnt-offerings and grain-offerings,
I will not accept them;
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.
Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Did you bring to me sacrifices and offerings the forty years in the wilderness, O house of Israel? You shall take up Sakkuth your king, and Kaiwan your star-god, your images that you made for yourselves; therefore I will take you into exile beyond Damascus, says the Lord, whose name is the God of hosts.



MCCLV IS ON FACEBOOK!

Search **MCC Lehigh Valley**. All MCCLV related posts and tags will be approved through the office.
Thank you for your cooperation!

MCCLV's Weekly 2014 Budgeted for Giving is 3,916.98

Date	Attendance	Giving
1/12/2014	111	\$2,123.00
1/05/2014	88	\$2,404.10
		7833.96
MCCLV Year-to-Date Budget:		\$3,916.98
MCCLV Year-to-Date Offering:		\$4,224.10
Surplus or Deficit?		\$307.12
		- \$3609.96
		Deficit

MCCLV MINISTRY COORDINATORS

Congregational Care & Health:

Karl Steiner | karl.steiner@mcclv.org
20s30s Ministry, Faith Community Nurse, Hospitality,
Prayer Team and Reconciliation & Affirmation Ministry

Discipleship:

If interested in this position see Rev. Goudy
Small Group Discipleship, Spiritual Growth Programming
and Children & Youth Ministry

Outreach & Justice:

Cynthia Rodriguez | cynthia.rodriguez@mcclv.org
Evangelism, Free Market, Silent Witness, Food Bank
and Messengers Art Ministry

Media & Marketing:

If interested in this position see Rev. Goudy
Communications and Marketing Ministry

Denominational Representatives:

Lay Delegates Hope Hilby and Normana Schaaf

MCCLV BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sue Carpenter, Jim Harbst, Diana LaTorre,
Emma Marrero, Lauren Sheldon and Ron Smith
MCCLV Board meets the second Sunday of every month.
If you would like an item included on their agenda
see any Board Member

MCCLV DEACONS

Loreli Bauer, Maricel Concepcion, Clarence Freed, Hope Hilby,
Jessica Mitchell, Normana Schaaf, Karl Steiner and Carol Stevens

MCCLV STAFF

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Music and Worship Director: Brian Jones | brian.jones@mcclv.org

Administrative Assistant: Paula Merkel | office@mcclv.org